LETTERS THAT SHE WRITES TO THE HERO IN THE PLAY.

Some of Those Who Attend the Matinces to Watch Their Favorites Make Love in a Truly Heroic Manner.

If Shakespeare had been writing of the zeven ages of women, instead of men, he ould doubtless have made the matinee



They are usually daughters of wealthy They are usually daughters of wealthy parents, and having no home duties seek regular diversion at the theater. The third division contains women who have married unsentimental men. They are so hungry for a bit of romance that they extract real pleasure from watching an actor pretend to adore some one whom he, perhaps, does not even like. It recalls to their minds the time when they, too, were faultiess createry us sasseppos—same who has since let the fames of his worship burn low.

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But last of all come the Bridgets. Thursday is the regular afternoon off for the cooks and housemaids. The matinee is usually over by 5, and in good season for getting home to prepare supper, consequently theets in the second balconyenjoy an unwonted popularity.

When the leading

when the leading man is good looking, well dressed, and plays the part of a hero, then is there, excitement in the matthee girls' midst. Young and old, pretty and homely, one and all, declare him a "perfect dear." A mad longing to see him in real life, to be the object for crice of his account of the terest, even if his notice be forced, overcomes their misglvings about making advances. They crowd around the stage door to watch for his separture, or waste what little gray matter their heads contain in concocting irresistible notes to send him. The yearning for his presence is sometimes very shortlived. A single view of some men minus the stage makeup has been known to effect a permanent cure even in violent eases of the epidemic of hero worship. The instance in Bunner's little story, "The Tenor," of the girl who was in love with a famous singer and, wishing a nearer glimpse of him, answered his advertisement for a serving maid, is akin to those which really happen constantly all over the country. The tenor proved to be a blustering husbana with a fierce temper, and a distressing appetite for plebelan dishes. So in a perhaps milder manner do the rest of the persistent matine girls have their idols smashed. A wife and children are often unromantic realities.

Actors who are playing repertoire have no time to answer the letters written them, even if they have the inclination. But men who play one part for a whole season and stay in each city not less than a week have nothing to do but filrt with whatever may offer itself. Even the most conservative actor will confess to having yielded to the temptation a letter has held out now and then for a little fun. A brief filration is the result and then—the actor answers another letter, smiles on another girl and forgets the first one. It is only slightly different with the girl. A pedestal in her heart is dedicated to the dashing actor for a short time, then she laughs at her folly and marries some one who loves her.

the silly letters they get than their writers have a right to expect. A local manager was once manager of a theater in a town of 63,000 people. He knew practically everyone in town, and when girls who were daughters of friends of his wrote letters to the actors playing at his theater he sent them back enclosed with gentle notes chiding the girls for their folly. This same manager is authority for the fact that old maids are even more prone to the letter writing fever than young women. But since he puts girls over 16 years of age in the antique spinster class, allowances must be made for his point of view. A young actor, who was interviewed, said jovially, "The married women are my graft. They are the ones who write to me." So it would seem that no positive rules can be set down, the learned writers on social etiquette in the women's magazines never having expressed an opinion on the subject.

ject.
Love letters are not the only kind that find their way to the actor's breakfast table. Some of the fair damsels have axes to grind and are not afraid to say so. A few letters which were written to a popular actor at present in the city are reproduced here as samples of the various compensation that the life of an actor offers.

Papa Is Consistent.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Doesn't your papa ever lick you?"

"I guess not! Every time he threatens to lick me I read him an extract from his great anti-imperialism speech, in which he salô: "These Filipinos are like wayward children, but have we on that account the right to take away their God-given privilege to do as they please? Let us treat them as we would our own wayward children, plead with them, beseech them, but never coerce them with either the gun or rod."

"That's a good deal to ramember." From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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"Yes, but he's got so now that he drops the switch as soon as I strike "These Filipines"

and Colonel Crook, one of the clerks of the White House, obtains his signature and receipt and deposits the money to his credit in one of the Washington banks. The warrant is signed by the chief of the warrant division and approved by the secretary of the treasury or one of his assist

Mystery of Hay Fever.

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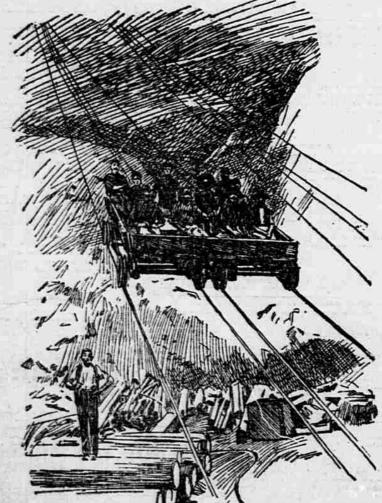
An Ohio editor says that hay fever is caused by kissing grass widows. A Missouri editor says it is caused by a grass widow kissing a fellow by moonlight. An Iowa editor says it is caused by the fellow kissing the girl while he is feeding hay to the cow, and an Eastern Kansas exchange is of the opinion that it is caused by missing the girl and kissing the cow. A poetical editor says it is caused by kissing in the heyday of youth.

Cheap but Effective Rat Trap.

From the Early County News. the temptation a letter has held out now and then for a little fun. A brief flirtation is the result and then—the actor answers another letter, smiles on another girl and forgets the first one. It is only slightly different with the girl. A pedestal in her heart is dedicated to the dashing actor for a short time, then she laughs at her folly and marries some one who loves her.

A majority of these footlight favorites are more conscientious about destroying

## AERIAL ROAD AT KIMBERLEY DIAMOND MINES.



The most novel railway in the world is undoubtedly the one recently erected at the
Kimberley mines in South Africa. The management of the great diamond field found
considerable difficulty in conducting a railway from the base of the mines to the top
of the hills where their offices are situated
in the village in which their employes live.
Every means of traffic attempted failed un-

# OUR FARMERS IN PARIS AMERICAN "MIRACLE WORKER."

WILL GET INDIVIDUAL CREDIT FOR THEIR EXHIBITS.

Exhibit Being Prepared for the Paris Exposition That Will Place the United States on a Par With Any European Country,

From the Washington Post. By the act of congress of July 1, 1898, providing for the participation of this country in the French exhibition of 1900,

the secretary of agriculture was authorized to prepare suitable exhibits illustrating the resources of the United States. Accordingly Secretary Wilson took steps toward making this exhibit some eight months ago, and placed the preliminary

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a candle to you. My friend and I return back to boarding school in two weeks, and will thus have to boarding school in two weeks, and will thus have to be deprived of the pleasure of seeine you every night. But as a closing remark, we wish to may that we admire you very much. We close, remaining your admire you very much we close, remaining your admire you very much. We close, remaining your admire you very much we admire you very much we close, remaining your admire you very much we have admired your admire you very much we have admired your admire you very much we have admired your admire you were mark two admires you were mark we admire you very much we have admired your admire you very much we have admired your admire you wery. The agricultural products will be brought together in Washington, to be prepared for exhibition, and your admire you were yell to will be brought together in Washington, to be prepared for exhibition, and your admire you were well be brought together in Washington, to be prepared for exhibition, and your admire you were well be brought together in Washington, to be prepared for exhibition, and your admire you well wells will be brought together in Washington, to be prepared for exhibition, and your admire you well as will be brought together in Washington, to be prepared for exhibition, and your end your admire your admire your wells will be brought together in Washington, to be prepared for e

the American exhibit will be a practical exposition of the various uses of corn or

exposition of the various uses of corn or maize. For this purpose a suitable space will be set aside for the corn kitchen, where maize foods will be prepared and given out free to be sampled by the public while hot. Space is so valuable that there will be no attempt to make outdoor displays of trees, shrubs or garden plants and flowers.

A building has been specially designed to meet the wants of the weather bureau, which proposes to show on its roof a working meteorological observatory, the instruments being connected by ejectricity with the exhibit on the main floor below. Access to the roof display will be by means of an easy flight of stairs leading to the tower, with exit on the roof level. This building will be located with the merchant marine exhibit, on the How President McKinley is Paid.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The president of the United States receives his salary in a warrant upon the treasurer at the beginning of every month.

ers the vast extent of our resources be readily apparent.

An attractive feature will be the revolving octagonal plate, which will convolving octagonal plate, which will con-tain perishable meat products and dairy products. This receptacle will be made to correspond with the cases, and will be twenty feet in diameter and thirteen feet high, being divided into eight compart-ments. The meats used in this exhibit will be contributed by the different pack-ers in the United States, and to a certain extent will be their individual exhibits, for which they will, of course, receive due credit. redit.
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In this connection, it might be well to state that the commissioner wishes it distinctly understood that personal credit and mention will be given to all individual exhibits, and to state exhibits as such, although the latter will simply be a part of the whole display to be made. But in cases where a farmer sends only a few specimens of grain or a small dairy exhibit he will be given full and satisfactory credit for his contribution. In other words, it is the endeavor of the department to represent the American people individually and collectively in this matter rather than to make an extensive scientific display of resources as a whole.

Professor Dodge is anxious to have this point clearly stated, so that farmers or exhibitors on a small scale would not hesitate to come forward with their various interesting and valuable contributions.

Jefferson Was a "Lady's Man."

From the Chicago Record.

Jefferson was a "lady's man." He was noted as a gallant all over Virginia, He had one serious love affair while in college with a young woman named Beiinda, who lived at Carter's Grove, a famous old place near Williamsburg, the seat of William and Mary college, where he was educated. He afterward married a widow whose acquaintance he made at Williamsburg while he was studying law. Her name was Martha Skelton. Her father was a Mr. Wayles, a planter who had a fine place called "The Forests," a few miles from the city. They seemed to be attracted to each other by their musical tastes. He was devoted to the violin, and she played an accompaniment upon the harpsichord. He has left a number of letters concerning his courtship, which are published in his biographies, and indicate that he was not off with his old love before he was on with the new.

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He had considerable trouble adjusting his conduct to the satisfaction of his own conscience. The story goes that he was spurred into an engagement with Martha Skelton by the rivalry of two of his friends, with whom he came to an understanding that they should draw cuts for the first proposal. If she rejected the first he was to retire and give the next a chance, and if he was not accepted the third was at liberty to propose. Jefferson drew number one, and started for the Wayles plantation. His rivals followed him, and hung over the hedge, listening to the music as he played duets with his love. They concluded from the tones of his instrument that his wooling was successful and walked home disconsolate.

Who Wrote Hamlet?

From the Boston Journal.

"P." writes to the Journal as follows:
"Bacon has a competitor for the honor of
the authorship of 'Hamlet'—this time an
Irishman—I translate from a late number
of Revue Bleue, of Paris: 'There has
just been discovered among the archives of
Kilkenny the following play bill: 'Theater Royal of Kinkenny—By His Majesty's
Troupe of Comedians—Next Saturday, It
of May, 1733, will be represented, at the
request of several respectable inhabitants
or this learned metropolis, for the benefit
of M. Kearns, The Tragedy of 'Hamlet'—
originally writter and composed by the celebrated Dan Hayes, of Limerick, and inserted in the works of Shakespeare.'" From the Boston Journal.

Women Manage Men Without Half Trying.

From the Chicago Record.
"Why is it that women live longer than men?"
"Men break down their constitutions trying to manage women." Vanderbilt-Fair.

From the Brooklyn Life.

"Does the course of their true love run smooth?"

'Yes, indeed. There are banks on both sides."

Dr. Edwards" Accumulating a Fortune in Paris by Laying on

of Hands. Paris Correspondence of the New York Journal. A great sensation has been caused in Paris by the wonderful cures alleged to be effected by a weird individual named Edwards, an American by birth, whose modus

operandi is the imposition of hands.

I have just paid a visit to Edwards at his consulting rooms in the Rue Cadet, and found them crammed with people, many of whom were well known ladies of

Dr. Edwards, with his long white hair tumbling in disorder over his back, his regular features and the Semitic incline of his nose, presents a striking appearance. In a long dressing gown, on which shines, at the waist, a sliver cross, and with bare and sandaled feet, he has, his admirers think, so close a resemblance to



"DR. EDWARDS," NEW "MIRACLE WORKER OF PARIS."

St. Paul that this is the nickname they have given him, and which he has professionally adopted.

"I was 'raised' in Rome," said the magician to me, "and am by religion a Catholic. My mother, who was an English woman, spent some days before my birth in great devotion before the statue of St. Paul, and christened me Paul. Doubtless that is why I resemble St. Paul, and that my body is marked with the stigmata of the cross. The toes and ingers corresponding to those of Christ through which the nails were driven are missing in my feet and hands." (In point of fact, Dr. Edwards is minus two fingers and two toes.)

"My gift," he continued, "is from God. My motto is "Transeo bene faciendo.' I first discovered the remarkable powers with which I am endowed when in Australia. I was sleeping in the same room with a young government official who was dying of consumption. I got up and cured him instantly. I have never made such a maryelous cure since."

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Among his prominent patients Dr. Edwards mentioned Miss Lole Fuller, the music-hall dancer, who is suffering from ophthalmia caused by the glare of electric light, and the cardinal archbishop of Mexico, whom he cured of acute rheumatism. Pneumonia is the disease which he combats with the greatest success.

I asked him what he thought of Lourdes. "As a means to influence the psychic state of sick persons," he replied somewhat vaguely, "all revelations of a religious nature have considerable importance. I believe that in man lies the power to cure every malady with which mankind is afflicted."

"Do you follow a particular diet?" I inquired.

"I eat twice a day, methodically, and everything."

Dr. Edwards takes no fees, but he accepts whatever grateful patients are willing to give him, and is accumulating a large fortune. The crowds who press into his operating rooms grow larger and larger every day. Indeed, "St. Paul" has already been expelled from two sets of rooms for this reason. At certain hours of the day the queue of his customers extends to the corner of the street where he lives.

# THE STORY OF A STORY.

How "Papa Renee," a Musical Story by Robert Wiziarde, Came to Be Written.

Which of my stories has been most suc-cessful? Some like one, some another. Judging from the reproductions here and in Europe, and by the fact that it has been translated into German and French, I think that the little musical sketch, "Pana Renee," might be called the most successful. There's scarcely an artistic musician who has not let me know in some musician who has not let me know in some way of his or her appreciation. How did it come to be written? Just like any of the rest of them—to fill a special time and place; I needed a Christmas story and thought I had what I wanted in another musical sketch, but one evening in November, 1885, a clear, moonlight night, I was standing at the corner of Ninth and Grand avenue, and the big, wide lamplit view of Grand avenue, with the big building and long view south was particularly metropolitan-looking, and to add, the old Grand Avenue Methodist church was bathed in a sliver glory of moonlight from the south, its north side being in deep shadow. Right there I planned the story—Paris boulevard, St. Anne's steeple in the moonlight, Christmas eve—presto, I had it.

I went up to the hole-in-the-wall and wrote the sketch as it stands before sleeping, and that's all there is to teil. No, not quite all; my friend Will Weber was posing Old Tom, the newsboy, for his night classes, and used him for the model for the large black and white picture which I used to illustrate the story. The original was purchased by Mrs. Beggs, and was exhibited at the Omaha exposition, and, I believe, received a premium. Old Tom died in '38; Weber has the original sketch up in his studio, and Old Tom, the newsboy, transformed into Papa Renee, the old violin player of Paris, has adorned the pages of a number of magazines and periodicals. way of his or her appreciation. How did it

Secrets of Maple Sugarmaking.

From the Carlock Tribune.

There is a demand for good, clean corncobs, and it won't be long until genuine maple syrup will be on the market. It is said the only difference between "corncob maple syrup" and the genuine is the cob variety is generally the sweetest.

Good Man to Sell a Gold Brick To. From the Indianapolis Journal.

"When you hear a man tell how green he used to be when he was a boy," said the Cornfed Philosopher, "you may take it for granted that he feels himself to be at the present time a wise guy from away back."

An Anchor for the Hat.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

The invention of Henry J. Grate, of Chicago, provides for a means of fastening hat to the ear rather than the buttonhole,



as is the present practice. A pin is made, to be readily fastened to the sweatband, and has a short cord which has on its oth-er end a bow of such shape as to comfort-ably fit around the ear,

UNEXPECTED FORTUNES WAITING IN THE TREASURY.

Securities Yellow With Age Tha Prove Valuable-Large Sums of Money for People Who Do Not Call for Them,

An old treasury official, one who has been so long in his particular bureau that it would be almost impossible to fill his place acceptably, said: "There is any amount of money due people who do not call for it in the United States treasury. You see, there have been ten great loans made to the United States in the past six ty years. The oldest I ever had anything to do with was that maturing in 1837, I think it was. It is about all paid, but there is still nearly \$110,000 in principal and interest due to somebody. It will probably never be called for. And, speaking of that loan, there was a curious incident connected with my last reference to the old books relating to it. It was while Judge Foiger was secretary. One morning an old man came in. He was from a New England state, and said that some years before to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I thought she was only fooling; I did not to be married to me after all. I the markings and characteristics of a Hereford, necessarily of Hereford and Shorthorn, the former predominating. Their characteristics are white face, dark red body, square build and broad back. Their characteristics are white face, dark red body, square build and broad back. The casting of them that they are down that they are down that they are down the hasked me to sate any wife. After hesitating all title while she said she and not thought about a date, and she add to accele You see, there have been ten great loans Folger was secretary. One morning an old man came in. He was from a New England state, and said that some years before he found some old stocks or bonds among the papers of an uncle. He mentioned the name of his uncle, who had been a man of national reputation for ability, and had a comfortable fortune in those days—that is, from 1830 to 1840. He had come to the United States treasury to find out if the old papers were worth anything, as they seemed to be United States bonds, I looked at them; they were ten of the old debt bonds, and were indeed curiosities. They were old and yellow from age, but were worth, principal and interest, \$70,000 in gold, for there was ten years' interest due on them, You can imagine the old man's amazement when I told him this.

"'Why, I would gladly have taken \$5,000 for them,' he said, 'and I offered them to a Boston banker for less than that, but he rather contemptuously and supercillously declined to buy them at any figure.

"I took the old man in to see Judge Folger, who was very much interested in the matter when I explained it to him. He had never seen any of the 'old loan' securities, and after these were paid and canceled I believe he directed that one of them be framed and preserved. Well, in less than half an hour's time the old New Englander walked out of the building with a check in his pocket on the New York subtreasury for \$70,000 in gold. How that smart Boston banker must have cursed his own ignorance and stupidity when he learned what he had thrown away.

Stories of Bondholders.

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"A circumstance very similar to this occurred in relation to some Texas indemnity bonds (the next oldest of our national loans), when Mr. Morrill was secretary of the treasury. A prominent Southern man, who had held a high command in the Mexican war and was a Confederate general officer, left among his papers a certificate of Texas indemnity stock, as it was called, for \$10,000. His widow visited here soon after her husband's death, and, being very much reduced, was consulting the late George Riggs concerning the disposition of some Texas lands. Knowing that her husband had been a large holder of these securities, Mr. Riggs said:

"Mrs. —, what did General — do with his Texas indemnity stock?"

"I really don't know, the lady answered. I never heard of any such things. By the way, she said a few minutes later. I saw in an old envelope I found among his papers not very long ago something which had the words "Texas indemnity on it, but I thought it was only an old receipt for taxes pald on the Texas land."

"Do you think you can find it again? said Mr. Riggs, without telling her anything which would create expectations that might never be realized.

"Oh, yes, she replied: I remember perfectly well where I put it."

"Have it sent to you here, was the next suggestion of the banker; 'it is as well to have all the papers relating to this land together.

"In the course of the next fortnight the lady came into the bank, and, handing Mr. Riggs a paper, said: 'Here is the tax receipt I told you of.' Instead of being a tax receipt, however, it was a \$10,000 Texas indemnity certificate, on which five years' interest was due, and the intense gratification of the lady may be imagined when she was told that the old yellow bit of paper would add \$12,500 in gold to her worldly goods. It came about just in time, too, for she was able with the money to save a valuable estate in Arkansas, which otherwise would have been sold to foreclose a mortage overdue. Nearly all of the Texas indemnity has been paid long ago, and I do not think there can be more than \$25,000 which occurred in relation to some Texas indemnity bonds (the next oldest of our national

close a mortgage overdue. Nearly all of the Texas indemnity has been paid long ago, and I do not think there can be more than \$25,000 which has not been called for. Of course, interest has ceased to accrue. "The next loan was that known in the market as the 5-20, a bond that could be paid in five years or in twenty after its maturity, as the government might choose. It reached the limit two years ago, and has nearly all been paid. It was largely held in Europe. There is only about half a million outstanding."

Bonds Never Presented. "What percentage of bonds do you esti-mate will never be presented?" was asked. "It is not possible for me to make any

"What percentage of bonds do you estimate will never be presented?" was asked.

"It is not possible for me to make any estimate that would be accurate." he replied. "In England about one-quarter of 1 per cent is the figure. What becomes of the bonds of course I cannot say, but they are lost or destroyed. The government, on proper proof being made of the loss of bonds or of their complete destruction by fire, will issue new ones in their place or pay the money value of them to the loser. Not very long ago a mass of wet green paper, which was nearly pulp, was sent to the treasury department, with a statement properly verified that the gallon and a half of greasy, bad looking and worse smelling stuff represented a large sum in the old compound interest notes of 1884. We dried the matter, and then carefully separated it and found that the owner's statement was correct. The money was part of the contents of a safe on board a Mississippl stamer that was burned a few years ago, and the safe had been at the bottom of the river nearly a year before the remnant of the boat was raised.

"Five thousand dollars in the same class of notes, viz., those bearing compound interest, were found in a Sloux Indian's tepee by an officer of the army about thirteen years ago, just after the bands under Lame Deer and Sitting Buil ceased their hostillities and crossed over to the British possessions. The bills were pasted and planed on the walls as ornaments, and with them was a lot of lurid pictures involving murder and outrage, which the noble savage regarded as a triumph in art of the highest type. The officer who discovered the bonanza found no difficulty in purchasing the greenbacks by furnishing in exchange a lot of brilliantly colored chromos, representing among other scenes a horse leaping a valley which appeared to be about seven miles in width, although loaded with a very feroclous looking Indian warrior, bedecked in all the blazonry of paint and war-eagle plumes, who bore in his arms the fainting form of a white woman. The Ind operation on record.

"The romance of the treasury department has yet to be written, but from what I have told you (and there are many other things stranger than any related) you will see that there is an interesting field here in Washington for the novelist which is absolutely unexplored."

Scientific Exegesis,

From the Detroit Journal.

"Our pastor is very liberal, but he doesn't deny the Scripture account of the fall of man."

"No?"

"No; he admits Eve ate the apple, but holds she was caused to do so by a microbe, rather than a serpent."

Youngest Officer in the Army.

Lieutenant Smedley D. Butler, who has salled for the Philippines with the First Maine regiment, is the youngest officer in the regular army of the United States. He has recently celebrated his 18th birth-

# Newark, N. J., Man Squanders Money

on a Girl Who Leaves Him for Another.

Newark (N. J.) Special to New York Press.

Because, as he says, she refused to give back, after she jilted him for another, the presents he gave to her under the understanding that she was to be his wife, Edward Haussling of No. 54 Waverly avenue has caused the arrest of Olga Holznager of No. 127 Wairut street, Justice Cohen held her under \$200 ball. Miss Holznager is a prepossessing brunette of slennager is a prepossessing brunette of slen der figure, 25 years old.

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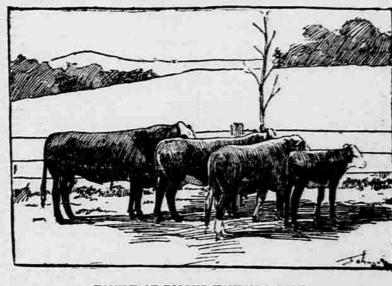
It was with tearful eyes that Haussling told his story to the justice.

"For all the diamond rings, theaters, balls and suppers I have spent money for because she was to be my wife, she has repaid me with deception; she has dropped me for another man. I met her a little more than a year ago. So far as I was concerned it was a case of love at first sight. I asked her if I could call and she said 'Certainly.' I took her to the theater once or twice a week after that and to no end of balls, parties and receptions. In summer we went on excursions to the seasing the said containing the said contai

SUES FOR HIS PRESENTS. | BRED THE HORN OFF

DISTINCT BREED OF CATTLE ON A KANSAS FARM.

General Guthrie, of Atchison, Calls Them the Polled Kansan-Are a Chance Cross Between Here-



FAMILY OF POLLED-KANSAN CATTLE.

"Worriment made he sick, and it was two months before I saw her again. Last week I called on her and she said she had another lover. That's why I wanted her arrested so that I could get back my pres-

"This young man was my friend, not my lover," said the young woman to the justice. "We never talked of love. The ring was a Christmas present. It is mine and I won't give it up.'

American Military Record.

From the Burlington Hawkeye. With all their boasted superiority, European military men can learn something from the American army, and one of the men who can give them some pointers is General Lawton, now doing such good work in Luxon. The French at present are making much of the feat of 120 men of a Hussar regiment, who have just ridden from Marseilles to Tarascon and back, a distance of 120 miles, in two days. A good record, but at the time of the battle of Wounded Knee General Lawton marched his troop of 100 men 100 miles in twenty-four hours, and brought in every man safe and every horse without a saddle gall.

From Pick-Me-Up.

They stood together on the beach in the pale moonshine. "Edward," she said, softly, "you are sure, quite sure, that I am the only woman that could ever make you completely, entirely happy? Think, Eddie dear, what if you were the only man in the whole wide world! Just think!"

And Eddie thought. He raised his blue eyes (full of thought) toward the calm, grew pale.

From the Maryville (Tenn.) Times.

This is a singular fact that twenty-five

Proof. From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Hotel manager—"I see you have given our finest suite of rooms to a man named Bilkins. Are you sure he can pay the charges?"

Clerk—"Yes; he's rich enough."

Manager—"How do you know?"

Clerk—"He is old and ugly and his wife is young and pretty."

that a new breed of cattle on this line was possible, and he at once began directing his energies to that end under the advice of Professor Snow. He began breeding on horned cattle, because he had none other except the original discovery. The result was an increased number of muleys each breeding until he has now about forty head of the new breed near and at his Ingleside farm, adjoining Atchison on the west. These sprang from nine polled helf-ers and one bull picked from the Chase county farm and brought to Atchison in 1833.

Of the Polled Kansans General Guthrie had at the Omaha exposition two bulls,

Delmonico's Old Twenty-sixth Street
Restaurant Closed to the
Public Forever.

From the New York Journal.
Although Delmonico's Twenty-sixth street restaurant theoretically closed Monday night, as told in yesterday's Journal, customers drifted in yesterday to take a last meal and to talk over remainted.

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There were not many of these. They sat gloomily at the tabis in the building and talked of its departed splendors.

A large part of the younger Delmonico customers were at the Forty-fourth street establishment. Those who remained to the last were mostly bald and gray.

'I guess you'll have to put me out when the time comes.'' said "Abe" Hummel to Charley Delmonico.

There were no formalities at the closing Rumor had said that there was to be a banquet and merrymaking, but Mr. Delmonico looked upon the occasion as too sad. It was given out that after the last guest had gone and lock the door himself and then hasten uptown to his new establishment, where the lights and laughter must strangely contrast in his mind with the dark and gloom he had just left.

This programme was carried out faithfully. It was long after midnight when Mr. Delmonico turned out the last light, and, going out into Broadway, locked the door. There he stood a moment, lost in hought. Then he started uptown.

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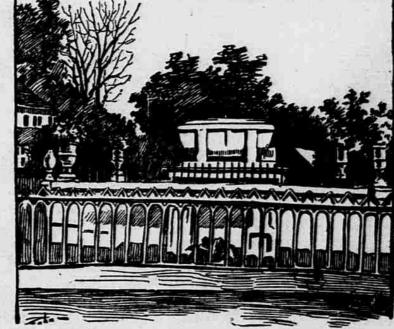
From Pick-Me-Up.

This is a singular fact that twenty-five years ago cld Hy, Jim and Tate Hackney weighed 625 pounds. Now their nephaws of the same names weigh that amount.

Alligator Flesh.

Travelers who have experimented are unanimous in the declaration that the flesh of either an alligator or a crocodile is ex-tremely tender and delightful to the palate.

## THE GRAVE OF SIR JOHN MOORE.



Not a drum was heard, not a funeral nota as his corse to the ramparts we hurried:

Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot o'er the grave where our hero we buried.

Every schoolboy—I am speaking literally —knows about the burial of Sir John Moore at Corunna. But how many of my readers